

## **WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

### **The following members participated:**

Judge Dan O'Hanlon  
Michael Kelemen  
Jeff Forbes  
Erica Mani  
Jimmy Gianato (via phone)  
Elaine Harris  
Dr. Jan Fox

### **Additional participants:**

Andrea Rayl  
Tony Simental  
Mark Polen  
Mark Holmes  
Jim Martin  
Scott Cosco  
Chris Morris  
George Hohmann  
Homer Sweeney  
Kevin Lazor  
Evelyn Bailey  
Jim Mylott  
Leann Shreve  
James Patterson  
Paul Miller  
Brandy Messer (via phone)  
Kathy Moore  
Secretary Rob Ferguson

After a quorum was established, Chair O'Hanlon welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

### **Business**

Chair O'Hanlon asked for the approval of the minutes from the October meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

**Other Business**

Vice Chair Mani mentioned that new reports with regards to BTOP progress will be posted on the State's Recovery website within the next few days.

Lee Fisher updated the Council on the Grant Application and Rule Making Subcommittee's progress.

Chair O'Hanlon stated that he intended to submit the Council's ethics' question to the Ethics Commission for consideration at their November meeting.

Chair O'Hanlon went over HB 2558 from the 2007 Legislative Session. This bill was passed by the Legislature but vetoed by Governor Manchin.

Elaine Harris made a motion requesting that the Council send a letter to Legislative Leadership in support of reintroducing a bill that would allow the State to donate surplus computers. The motion was seconded by Lee Fisher and was approved by the Council with no objection.

The Secretary announced the next meetings of the Broadband Deployment Council have been scheduled for the following dates:

February 8, 2012

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

**Presentation**

LeeAnn Shreve presented on behalf of Future Generations. Future Generations Graduate School received a grant of \$4.4 million for sustainable broadband development. Headquartered in Pendleton County, they offer a Master's Degree in applied community change and conservation. In 2010, the Future Generations Graduate School launched the West Virginia Broadband Opportunities Program to make computers and the internet more accessible to West Virginia families. This program, which partners with local fire departments aims to have 60 public computer labs in the community centers of their partner fire departments within the next three years.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting has been noticed for January 10, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Building 6, Room 6A. The call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.